

Conservation Commission

7/14/04

Minutes

Present: Carol Korty, Tom Spruce, Fred Stocking, Lynda Tadema-Wielandt, Donna Theall.

Alternate: Raymonde Dumonde ~~de P~~

Attendees: Ken Smith, Al Sternfield

The meeting began at 7:08.

1. **Review of Agenda** – No changes as printed.
2. **Review of Appointments to Commission** - Carol Korty's term has expired. Raymonde Dumonde will vote tonight in lieu of Carol Korty. Carol will find out from Stu Marckoon what needs to be done to get "approved" and reinstated.
3. **Election of Officers** - Carol Korty nominated Fred Stocking to serve as Chair and Lynda Tadema-Wielandt to serve as Secretary. Both nominations were seconded, voted on and approved.
4. **Minutes of Last Meeting** – Minutes were read by the Secretary. Several changes were recommended and duly noted. Voted to accept the minutes as edited, seconded and approved 5 to 0.
5. **Discussion of Lamoine Solid Waste and Recycling Programs (Al Sternfield and Ken Smith)** – Ken Smith ~~told Fred Stocking he did not have to prepare the financials since he had already prepared them.~~ Al Sternfield said that approximately 45% of the residents of Lamoine recycle. He does not believe it will ever increase unless we change the parameters. He also explained what is and is not bought by the recycler.

The Commission also learned that although Lamoine sells its recyclables to a recycling firm, it pays for the shipping fees for each material sold. Ken Smith distributed several handouts (available on the shelves with Conservation Commission materials at Town Hall). Of keen interest was a breakdown of the solid waste recycling and disposal data for the past 6 years for Lamoine. It shows tonnage of items recycled, percent recycled, revenues, and net cost of recycling (\$75.6K this year). Also of interest was PERC's (Penobscot Energy Recovery Company) process flow chart showing municipal solid waste sorted into non-processables and into refuse derived fuel, which generates electrical power. This is sold to Bangor Hydro.

define MRRRA charges a fee of \$4/ton to Lamoine to take our recyclables. Lamoine used to use Coastal Recycling in Franklin, but we stopped because it became too expensive to haul.

Al was asked if the present transfer station was still large enough. He responded that the summer population almost doubles the activity at the transfer station. ~~He said~~ there is a need for 15 dumpsters. He also said that if we were to increase the type of recycle items, we would need to expand the transfer station. At this time, we own the area across from the entrance road, but if we were to use it, we would have to find a way to control access to it, which would require adding a part time person to help Al. Expanding toward the ~~Swanberg~~ property was not feasible because of the lay of the land. Someone asked why

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we no longer collect metals. The response was that people were leaving lawn mowers and the like that still had gas and oil in them, which then leaked out. If we were to include metals in our recycle materials, we would need to establish a containment bunker.

The Conservation ^{ssion}Committee strongly recommended to establish a Recycling ^{sub}Committee, and to that end, the Chair will ask Stu to send out an email requesting volunteers. This (sub)Committee would report back to the Conservation Commission with findings and suggestions. Carol Korty suggested that Tom Spruce chair this subcommittee as he has shown much interest in this area. Ken Smith was asked to participate as he has invaluable experience. Lynda Tadema-wielandt was asked to contact Georgia Munsell to ask her to join as she has proven to be very resourceful and dedicated.

- He said he'd work as an adjutant, as with ConsComm.*
6. **Listening to the concerns and comments of those attending** – Carol Korty discussed how we might display the College of the Atlantic maps that they have donated to the Town of Lamoine using the display ^{unit} she recently purchased. The meeting room will need to be rearranged to maximize the space available to include the display ^{unit}. The Chair suggested she develop a plan and talk to Stu about it. Lynda volunteered to help her.

7. **Planning Board and Selectfolk Concerns** - Discussions regarding Cold Spring area gravel extraction indicated that at the last Planning Board meeting the application was complete. Melody Havey, ~~an attendee~~, asked about the “beauty” of the project, in that From Rte. 3 and Jordan River Rd., there will be a large gash for the next ten years of activity. Carol Korty asserted that Peckenham had said there should have been more test wells dug since the only well was at the very top. The report of the study by SW Cole ^{indicated} that groundwater would not be affected by the gravel extraction. However, Ken Smith said that Lamoine had many clay lenses and that water behaves differently when it encounters these. It's important to see how the soil is composed in the suggested gravel extraction area, *disputed because she was concerned*

On August 3rd there will be a site plan review. Important meeting.

Rae Dumont is interested in heading this
Discussion by Carol Korty and Fred Stocking of efforts to get students involved in science curricula at our schools – e.g. Jennifer Reynolds, graduate of Lamoine Consolidated School, MDI High School and now a junior UMaine Machias; and a *Seph.* Freshman at MDI High School. *Lauren Kuffler is also interes*

8. **Report on Earth Machine Sales** – Lynda Tadema-wielandt reported that 23 earth machines were delivered to the transfer station prior to Saturday, June 26th, and that on that day between 8 a.m. and 11 a.m. all the compost bins were picked up by their owners. Nancy Pochan took the one delivered to the Town Hall. She indicated that one resident had been very upset that she had not had an opportunity to buy a compost bin, but had been told that she would be called. Lynda reported that she was not aware that anyone other than those on the list she had been given was interested. The state does intend to do this again in 2005.

9. **Status of Aquifer Research Funding** - Carol Korty reported that John Peckenham of the Mitchell Center has created a preliminary letter to Island Foundation. The budget should reflect other organizations from which we have received money. He requested only \$38,000 because he felt that if they liked the project, they would give more than was requested.

SURDNA Grant – Carol Korty requested \$28,000. Peckenham suggested it be called a seed project, and if all goes well, we can come back and ask for more funding. SURDNA takes 90 days to let us know if we should apply. They meet three times per year. It was suggested that we keep writing for grants. Rae stated that this method is congruent with how grant requests are handled in the medical world. Carol mentioned that Peckenham has a Master's student ^{who is} interested to work on our project. Rae said we need to find out what entity is the applicant on the Island Foundation Grant. If it is the Conservation Commission, then it is the Town of Lamoine, and there is a need for an approving vote. Others believe that it is the Mitchell Center itself requesting the grant and therefore there would be no need to put it to a vote.

Donna Theall reported on her efforts to obtain grants. She said that ^{Mercy} MERC has not responded to our request. She will write to LL Bean for a grant for gravel pit reclamation. She does not have high hopes that Ben & Jerry's will come through for us.

10. **Report on Latona Spring Conservation Effort** – Kathy and Paul Dudzinsky met with Carol Korty and Fred Stocking. ^{and Ken Smith} They discussed her notion to deed off Latona Spring to a group such as Friends of Latona Spring that would be a non profit and could hold it. It is thought that it would take about \$5,000 to build a springhouse, get water tests and set up the non profit. This organization would then raise some money to maintain it adequately.

11. **Planning for Next Meetings** - Raemonde Dumonde has invited the Conservation Commission to her house for a pot luck supper for the next meeting on August 11. It was decided to have the meeting from 5:30 to 7:00, and then adjourn to her house for supper. ^{the spring}

Mr. Tolman will be invited to speak at the October ¹³ ~~11~~th meeting. The next meeting is September 8. ^{ME's drinking water - the next 25 years.}

12. The meeting adjourned at 9:21 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Lynda Tadema-Wielandt, Secretary.

Reviewed and accepted by the Lamoine Conservation Commission on Wednesday, August 11, 2004, by a vote of 5 - 0.

Fred Stocking, Chair

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